

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Final Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-23 in the application. In response to the previous Office Action, the Applicants amended Claims 5 and 6. In this response, the Applicants amend Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21, and cancel Claims 4, 12 and 20. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-19, and 21-23 are currently pending in the application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that, among other claims, Claims 4, 12 and 20 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 9 and 17 to incorporate the respective limitations of dependent claims 4, 12 and 20, and cancelled without prejudice Claims 4, 12 and 20. Furthermore, Claims 5, 13 and 21 have been amended to respectively depend from independent Claims 1, 9, and 17. These amendments render independent Claims 1, 9 and 17 allowable and further render their respective dependent claims allowable. Consequently, Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-19, and 21-23, which are all of the pending claims, are allowable.

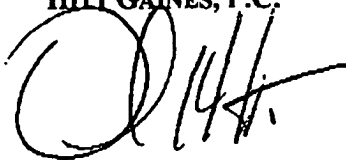
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-19, and 21-23 .

The Applicants requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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